

THE KLINGER LAKE ASSOCIATION



KLA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2016

7:00 p.m. at KLCC

Greeting and Call to Order

Present: Barbara Montgomery Nelson, Mike Needham, Don Riach, Debbie Doe, Warren English, Allison Kirsch, Julie Lavidge, Edgar Reihl, Andy Rieth, Sharon Snyder, Julie Stutesman, Doug Van Meter

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m., by president, Barbara Montgomery Nelson.

Barbara and the board members welcomed the two new members, Sharon Snyder and Julie Stutesman. She reminded all members that board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the KLCC, and that they are open to all KLA members.

Annual Meeting Recap/Notes— Barbara Montgomery Nelson recapped topics of discussion from the 2016 Annual KLA Meeting:

- Fifty -eight people, plus board members and beach reps attended; the board was happy with the turnout
- Signs for the annual meeting helped draw attention to it; Mike Needham and Julie Lavidge will continue to work to improve designs and colors for next year
- People in attendance liked the meeting in July, rather the end of August; the board will consider/discuss further, the suggestion to hold it in the morning instead of the evening
- The Handbook of Boating Rules is available; the board with work to make this booklet available, in print and digitally, next year to all homeowners
- Boaters' Safety Class can be offered at KLCC; the board will coordinate and communicate with Bill Smith, residents, and KLCC to make this available next year
- Concerns about speed of cars on Klinger Lake Road and Edgewater Beach and also conditions of the roads were voiced; Andy Rieth volunteered to attend the Road Commission Meetings (the third Wednesday of the month) to see what, if any action can be taken to address these issues
- Possibility of positioning SJC Sheriff Officer at points around the lake (specifically Sandy Beach and Edgewater Beach); Warren English reminded members that permission must first be obtained from the property owners, and that there are limited numbers of officers available
- Installation of signs with suggested speed limits to slow traffic down; Edgar Reihl mentioned the possibility of installing more signs to remind drivers that these roads are not main thoroughfares The board agreed to add this to agenda for the August meeting
- Including the names of cottages and emails in directory; board members agreed that including names of the cottages would be a good addition to directory entries, but most agreed that emails should be voluntary because of privacy concerns
- Online version of the Klinger Lake Directory; the board discussed the possibility of making it password protected
- Possibility contributing a percentage of the dues collected to St. Joe Conservation District; Warren English pointed out that in the past, donations have been given to agencies that contribute to the well-being of the lake

specifically. Debbie Doe asked the board to revisit the Mission Statement of the KLA, and Julie Lavidge mentioned that the monies should be in line with its mission

2016 Slate of Officers—Barbara Montgomery Nelson

- Barbara Montgomery Nelson (President), Mike Needham (Vice-president), Don Riach (treasurer), Debbie Doe (secretary) were approved to continue to serve their terms as primary KLA board members. **Doug Van Meter motioned to approve the slate of primary officers; Andy Rieth seconded the motion; all members approved, and motion carried.**
- Sharon Snyder and Julie Stutesman were appointed and approved as new members to serve on the KLA Board. **Mike Needham motioned to approve the slate of officers, Warren English seconded the motion, all members approved, and the motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report—Don Riach

Don presented the Treasurer's Report for approval. After reviewing and discussing the report, **Doug Van Meter made a motion to accept the report; Mike Needham seconded it, all members approved, and the treasurer's report was accepted.**

There were three expenses presented to the board for approval: \$307 for gift certificates for beach reps, \$172.62 for flowers sent to Lees for hosting the annual beach rep picnic, and \$200 for fireworks permits. **A motion was made by Warren English to approve the payment of these expenses; Allison Kirsch seconded it, all members approved, and the motion carried.**

2017 Role Assignments and Committees—All Members

- Annual Dues Mailer— Barb Montgomery Nelson, Julie Lavidge
- Annual Fireworks Dues Mailer and Online Payment Option—Barb Montgomery Nelson, Julie Lavidge, Edgar Reihl
- Annual Meeting Planning and Set Up— Debbie Doe
- Audit of the Books—Andy Rieth will work to put together an audit team
- Beach Reps—Sharon Snyder
- 2017 Beach Rep Picnic—Sharon Snyder, Barbara Montgomery Nelson, *hosted by Terry and Sara Lee*
- Boat Parade—Doug Van Meter
- Bylaws Guide—Don Riach and Debbie Doe
- Communications and Website—Edgar Reihl
- Dam/Drain Commission Liaison—Warren English
- Database/Membership —Don Riach and Debbie Doe
- Directory and Its Content—All members
- Fireworks—Warren English, Andy Rieth, Debbie Doe, Barbara Montgomery Nelson, Julie Stutesman
- History—Doug Van Meter
- Keep Klinger Clean Campaign—Barb Montgomery Nelson, Julie Stutesman
- Law Enforcement/Marine Patrol and DNR; Road Commission— Andy Rieth
- Marketing—Julie Lavidge
- Newsletter Committee— Julie Stutesman, Julie Lavidge, Allison Kirsch, Barb Montgomery Nelson, Edgar Reihl
- Nominations Committee—Debbie Doe, Warren English, Julie Stutesman, Sharon Snyder, Barb Montgomery Nelson
- Real Estate—Allison Kirsch
- Water Quality—Mike Needham

Firework Recap/Lessons Learned and Next Steps—Warren English

- Volunteers were available; however, Warren recommends to have Tom Fudge or Conde set the lifts in the future to help streamline/organize the event
- Lack of lighting presents a real danger, so Warren recommends to rent two light towers and set them at the ramp and at the staging areas; the cost for each is \$135 a day

- Replacement materials are needed for the fireworks barge and trailer—6 heavy barrels and wood; Warren will get necessary repairs made to the equipment and store it at his farm
- Cleanup afterward—Andy Rieth commended RKM for doing a great job of clean up both at the staging area, ramp
- Flares—next year—Debbie Doe will provide printed instructions for beach reps to rubber band to the flares and also get small plastic bags to put flares into for easier distribution
- Fireworks checklist—Debbie Doe will revise and print the checklist for next year

Fireworks 2017—Barbara Montgomery Nelson brought presented possible dates for the 2017 Fireworks. **After discussion, Mike Needham motioned to hold the 2017 KLA Fireworks on Monday, July 3, with a rain date of Tuesday, July 4. The motion was seconded by Don Riach; all members approved, and the motion carried.**

Other

Swimmer's itch update—Mike Needham said that swimmer's itch reports have been down so far this year while Houghton Lake and other northern lakes have been reporting record cases. Their associations have allocated large funds to study it. Mike will keep the KLA updated

Road signs and monitoring the speed on the roads will be an ongoing discussion

Public access trash pickup—Andy Rieth canceled the trash service provided by Michiana Trash because the driver continued to fail to pick it up; the board will investigate other possible companies

The next KLA Meeting will be held and KLCC on Monday, August 8, at 7 p.m.

Mike Needham motioned to adjourn the meeting; Julie Lavidge seconded the motion, all members approved, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Doe, KLA Secretary

